

HOUSE No. 885

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Geraldine Creedon

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Concerning Consumer Protection Legislation Limiting Copayments For Common Diagnostic Services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Geraldine Creedon	11th Plymouth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION LIMITING COPAYMENTS FOR COMMON DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

1 “Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, carriers that
2 provides coverage under an individual health insurance policy or contract for (i) mammography,
3 ultrasound, bone density, magnetic resonance imaging or computed axial tomography (CT), including CT
4 in connection with treatment planning for radiation therapy, may not require total copayments in excess of
5 three hundred seventy-five dollars for all such in-network imaging services combined annually, or require
6 a copayment in excess of seventy-five dollars for each in-network magnetic resonance imaging or
7 computed axial tomography; and (ii) for positron emission tomography may not require total copayments
8 in excess of four hundred dollars for all such in-network imaging services combined annually, or require a
9 copayment in excess of one hundred dollars for each in-network positron emission tomography. In order
10 to increase copayments, insurance carriers must request a public hearing before the Massachusetts
11 Division of Insurance and seek the Division’s approval.”